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(c) if so, the division of Plan allocation made for the Ninth Plan and the funds released on this basis so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Based on Population and Per Capita Income Estimates, the State of Bihar (after re-organisation) comprises 74.8% of population with Per Capita Income at Rs. 3900/- and State of Jharkhand has 25.2% of population with Per Capita Income at Rs. 7480/-.

(c) Since the State of Bihar was re-organised in 2000-01, the Normal Central Assistance (NCA) provided during this period to the States of Bihar (Re-organised) and Jharkhand is Rs. 1113.31 crore and Rs. 344.24 crore respectively.

Decline in GDP

3756. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is passing through the industrial recession;

(b) if so, the percentage of decline noticed in the target of industrial production in the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the rate of GDP has also gone down and showing negative growth due to slow pace of agricultural production, non-availability of power and transportation; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Industrial recession is said to occur when there is decline in industrial production in two consecutive quarters. This has not happened. However, there has been a slow-down in the industrial growth. The increase in the index of Industrial Production during April, 2000-February, 2001—the latest period for which data is available—was 5.1

per cent as compared to 6.5 per cent during the corresponding period of the previous year.

(c) The GDP is not showing negative growth. However, there has been a decrease in the rate of growth of GDP. The rate of growth of GDP during the financial year 2000-2001 is 6.0 per cent (Advanced Estimates) as compared to 6.4 per cent (Quick Estimates) during the previous year.

(d) The performance of the economy is closely monitored and appropriate measures taken in the light of the emerging trends as and when necessary. Measures being taken are: acceleration of the reforms process in the power sector for enhancing private sector investment flow, implementation of the National Highway Development Programme (NHDP) thereby accelerating the road development programme in the country; reforms in financial sector and capital market; reduction in the lending rate of banks and financial institutions; further liberalisation in the provisions relating to foreign investment to attract FDI, etc.

Targets for various poverty alleviation programme

3757. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any targets for the Pradhan Mantri Rozgar Yojna, Swarn Jyanti Saliri Swarozgar Yojna, Swarn Jayanti Gramin Swarozgar Yojna, and many other related welfare schemes during the Ninth Five Year Plan period in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and Scheme-wise;

(c) whether Government are aware that many welfare schemes are lagging behind of their given targets due to non-co-operative attitude of some bankers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to achieve the targets fixed during the remaining period of the current plan?